

STANLEY G. BENJAMIN - Curriculum Vitae - January 2011

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Meteorology (1983),

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania

M.S. Meteorology (1980),

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania

B.A. Mathematics (1973),

Albion College, Albion, Michigan

EXPERIENCE:

Current position

- Chief, Assimilation and Modeling Branch (AMB), Global Systems Division, NOAA Earth Systems Research Laboratory, Boulder, Colorado
 - AMB is the development group for RUC (Rapid Update Cycle), Rapid Refresh, and HRRR (High-Resolution Rapid Refresh) regional models, and the FIM global model. All of these models are currently or planned to be operational models at NOAA/NWS/NCEP.
 - Various Branch Chief positions (5/92-present) and Research Meteorologist (4/90-present)
- Directing development of the global icosahedral isentropic atmospheric model (FIM – *Flow-following finite-volume Icosahedral Model*) at NOAA, 2005-present.
- Lead for Global Modeling Team for the NOAA HFIP (*Hurricane Forecast Improvement Project*)
- Directed development of the RUC, an operational data assimilation/numerical forecast system running at the NWS National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) that provides analyses and short-range forecasts at high frequency (every 1h) using asymptotic observations.
- Developed, with other scientists, objective analysis techniques and numerical prediction models for use in RUC, including radar assimilation technique implemented at NCEP (Nov 2008). Performed research on data assimilation methods (3DVAR and optimal interpolation) for in situ and remotely sense observations, model numerics and parameterizations. Directed projects on RUC applications for aviation, severe weather forecasting, regional climate simulations and land-surface modeling, wind energy forecasting.
- Co-directing development of HRRR model (3km *High-Resolution Rapid Refresh*, updated hourly with radar reflectivity assimilation over US)
- Directing development of WRF-based Rapid Refresh planned to replace RUC in 2011.
- Research scientist (6/83-4/90) employed by: National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado working at NOAA, Boulder, CO (formerly PROFS). Performed research on the effects of terrain and soil

moisture distribution on short-range forecasts of the regional environment for severe convective storms using the Penn State/NCAR mesoscale model. Studied impact of terrain on local circulations using same model. Developed multivariate optimal interpolation schemes in isobaric and isentropic coordinates for use in earlier versions of MAPS (development version of RUC), and implemented first versions of MAPS intermittent data assimilation system.

AREAS OF INTEREST:

- Atmospheric model development, data assimilation development, observation impact experiments with NWP, applications of NWP to aviation, energy, and severe storm applications; use of isentropic and other quasi-Lagrangian coordinate systems, use of NWP to investigate atmospheric phenomena.

OTHER POSITIONS, HONORS:

- Fellow - American Meteorological Society (2004)
- U.S. Department of Commerce Bronze Medals: 1998, 2010
- U.S. Department of Commerce Gold Medal: 2006
- NOAA Research Paper of Year Awards, lead author – 2006, 1st co-author – 2008
- Lead for FAA Model Development and Enhancement Research Team (2006-present).
- Member of FAA Aviation Weather Forecasting Task Force, 1985-1987

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